Clinical Education Team

Jennifer Jeffrey Bell, PT, ScD, COMT
Director of Clinical Education
Originally from Texas, Jenn joined the School in 2013 after 7 years of practice in rural and underserved areas throughout Alaska. Jenn received her bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology at the University of Texas, her MPT at UT Southwestern Medical Center and her Doctorate of Science in Physical Therapy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She brings considerable clinical experience and a love of teaching to our program. Jenn has been involved with clinical education on the regional and national level through the Academy of Physical Therapy Education and the Northwest Intermountain Consortium of Clinical Education. Jenn also teaches in Musculoskeletal Management, Clinical Medicine, Interprofessional Education and Global Health. Jenn, her husband, Darin, and daughters, Kaia and Makena, enjoy getting out in the mountains, whether it is summer or winter.

Susan Ostertag, PT, DPT, NCS
Associate Director of Clinical Education
Sue is a Montana native and graduate from the BSPT program at the University of Montana in 1993. She completed her DPT through AT Still University in 2007, and obtained APTA Board Certification as a Neurological Specialist in 2011. Sue worked in Spokane for several years post-graduation, in both in-patient and out-patient rehab as well as home health, long term care, and acute care. Once moving back to Montana she found herself balancing clinic management and clinical practice in skilled nursing and out-patient settings, finding her passion in the geriatric and neurological populations. Sue has been involved in Clinical Education as a clinical site coordinator and clinical instructor for over 22 years, and brings her love of student instruction and clinical practice to the UMPT Clinical Education program. She has been the clinic director and faculty at UM since 2005 and joined the clinical education team in 2018. She teaches the Neurological Rehabilitation and Lifespan courses, and helps with coordination of Service Learning and Interprofessional experiences on and off campus.

Alyssa Waters
Administrative Associate IV
Alyssa earned her BA in English through the University of Montana Western in 2012, and has 10 years’ experience working in higher education in her previous roles as an Academic Advisor and Graduation Auditor at the University of Montana Western. She enjoys supporting students through their academic journey and success. Alyssa is also a proponent of human rights, and is certified as a Civil Rights Investigator. Her outside interests include learning about other cultures, reading, concerts, and traveling. Alyssa is part of the Clinical Education Team, and will also be working on recruiting, pre-PT advising, and admissions.